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TEXT BOOKS OF NCERT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a large scale criticism of a text book prescribed for Class XI authored by ShriSatish Chander and published by the NCERT, which has references to Saints/others leaders;

(b) if so, whether the Lt. Governor of Delhi has asked for deletion of such objectionable portion from the Text Book;

(c) if so, the factual position in this regard;

(d) the details of provisions made by NCERT for assessment and editing of books published;

(e) the names of other books in respect of which objections have been raised regarding their contents; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that no such objectionable material is published in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): No such communication has been received in NCERT.

(d) Textbooks published by NCERT are edited and reviewed by a group of practicing teachers and experts.

(e) 1) Ancient India - Class-VI - Romila Thapar
2) Modern India - Class-VIII, ArjunDev and Indira Arjun Dev,
3) Ancient India - Class-XI, Ram Sharan Sharma,
4) Medieval India - Class-XI, Satish Chandra

(f) In the recent guidelines issued by NCERT for development of syllabi and related textual materials, it has been emphasized that due care be taken to ensure that any reference on material likely to hurt the religious sentiments of any particular community or religious minority should not find mention therein.